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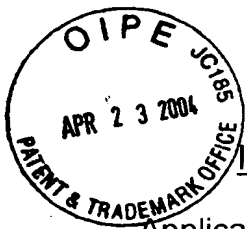
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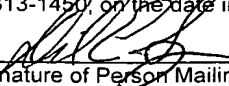
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- ☒ The attached application, or
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I/we believe that I/we am/are the original and first inventor(s) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought;

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